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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

FOLLOWING REPEAT BUJUMBURA 0872 SENT ACTION SECSTATE  
INFO KIGALI JUL 27.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L BUJUMBURA 0872

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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CASC, BY

SUBJ: AMBASSADOR ALERTS PRESIDENTIAL STAFF MEMBER TO ROBINSON CASE

REF: A BUJUMBURA 851, B BUJUMBURA 852, C BUJUMBURA 855  
D BUJUMBURA 864, E BUJUMBURA 869

1. AT EGYPTIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION, WEDNESDAY  
EVENING, JULY 26, I ASKED CHIEF OF STATE PROTOCOL  
KISUKURUME IF HE KNEW ABOUT EXPULSION ORDER AGAINST  
LEONARD ROBINSON. HE SAID HE DID NOT AND ASKED  
REASON FOR IT. I TOLD HIM I HAD ENQUIRED OF  
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FOREIGN MINISTRY AND LEARNED THAT HEAD OF SECURITY  
SERVICE HAD DECLARED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A DISPUTE  
WITHIN THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH WHICH THE  
GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDI HAD RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF THOSE  
OPPOSED TO ROBINSON. GOVERNMENT HAD THEN ORDERED  
HIS EXPULSION. KISUKURUME ASKED ME WHO THE  
PEOPLE IN OPPOSITION WERE. I REPLIED THAT I

UNDERSTOOD A CERTAIN PASTOR PHINEAS OF RWANDAN  
ORIGIN WAS RESPONSIBLE.

2. KISUKURUME SAID ROBINSON WAS A FRIEND OF HIS  
AND HAD CALLED ON PRESIDENT BAGAZA LAST DECEMBER  
ACCOMPANIED BY HIS RELIGIOUS SUPERIOR FROM WASHINGTON.  
I SAID I WAS AWARE OF THIS AND FOR THIS VERY REASON  
I WOULD LIKE TO BE SURE THAT THE PRESIDENT KNEW WHAT  
WAS HAPPENING. I WOULD NOT DREAM OF INTERFERING IN  
CHURCH AFFAIRS OR IN MATTERS OF BURUNDI JURISDICTION.  
HOWEVER I WAS AFRAID THAT WHEN WORD OF THIS EXPULSION  
REACHED THE UNITED STATES THERE MIGHT BE AN  
UNFAVORABLE REACTION ON THE PART OF AN IMPORTANT  
ELEMENT OF U.S. OPINION. IF SUCH A REACTION OCCURRED  
I HOPED IT WOULD NOT COME AS AN UNPLEASANT SURPRISE  
TO PRESIDENT BAGAZA.

3. KISUKURUME SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER  
OR NOT THE PRESIDENT WAS AWARE OF THIS MATTER BUT HE  
COULD ASSURE ME THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE MADE  
AWARE OF IT. CORCORAN  
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